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gested, that a vindication of the remark alluded to should appear on the pages of the Society's publications, which are not intended for receptacles of controversy.

In conclusion, Mr. Savage said, that, one year and a half ago, he had taken up the whole matter now brought forward by "HUTCHINSON," and inserted comments, at great length, in the notice of Welde which he designed for his "Genealogical Dictionary," now nearly ready for the press. These comments were read to two or three gentlemen of this Society in May, 1856; and also to another, not one of our associates. If they did not prove the disingenuousness of Welde, he had lost the power of drawing a fair inference, as would appear when his book should come forth.

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## DECEMBER MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10, at noon, in the Society's Library; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from General J. W. de Peyster; Rev. Edwin M. Stone; L. A. Huguet-Latour, Esq.; Hon. Theron Metcalf; Lucius Boltwood, Esq.; James Lenox, Esq.; Mrs. John H. Kinzie; J. Francis Fisher; Winthrop Sargent, Esq.; and from Messrs. Appleton and Sibley, of the Society.

In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, the President read a letter from General J. W. de Peyster, accompanying a donation of books to the Library.

A letter was also read by the President from Mrs. J. H. Kinzie, accompanying a donation of her book, entitled "Wau-Bun; the Early Day in the Northwest;" for which he was authorized by a vote to return the thanks of the Society.

The President read a communication from the Society of Antiquaries, accompanying a donation of several of their publications.

On motion of Mr. QUINCY, *Voted*, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mons. Guizot for his valuable gift of a series of his works in 17 vols.

The President communicated a valuable manuscript relating to an assessment of taxes in Massachusetts, bearing the date 1693, from J. Brevoort Carson, Esq., of Brooklyn, N.Y.

General WILLIAM H. SUMNER and Professor HENRY W. LONGFELLOW were elected Resident Members of the Society.

Mr. ADAMS, from the First Section, presented a subscription-list, a copy of which is annexed, dated Aug. 15, 1774, of contributions made in Virginia to relieve the "distressed inhabitants of Boston;" accompanying it with explanatory remarks, and a eulogy of Thomas Nelson, jun., the largest subscriber, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and a man of fortune, education, and patriotic zeal.

We, the subscribers, oblige ourselves to furnish the respective sums of money, or quantity of grain or flour, set against our names, for the use and relief of the distressed inhabitants of Boston, as soon as the same shall be demanded. Aug. 15, 1774: —

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| T. N.* | Dudley Digges . . | 25 bush. of wheat (delivered). |
| | Thos. Nelson, jun. . | 100 bush. wheat (delivered). |
| Pd. | David Jameson . . | 5 pounds (returned). |
| | William Graves . . | 20 bush. wheat (not delivered). |
| | Corbin Griffin . . | 2 barrels flour. |
| | Wm. Reynolds . . | 50 bush. corn (not delivered). |
| | James Shields . . | 5 bush. wheat. |
| | Matt. Pierce . . . | 5 shillings. |
| | Henry Street . . . | 20 shillings. |
| Pd. | John Dickeson . . | 15 shillings. |
| T. N. | Starkey Robinson . | 10 bush. wheat (sent aboard the flat). |
| T. N. | Anth. Robinson . . | 10 bush. wheat (sent 8 bush). |
| T. N. | Thos. Phillips . . . | 5 bush. wheat (sent aboard the flat). |
| T. N. | Thos. Smith . . . | 5 bush. wheat (sent aboard Green's flat). |
| | Wm. Cary . . . . | 10 shillings. |
| T. N. | Lawr. Smith, jun. . | 10 bush. wheat (sent aboard Green's flat). |
| T. N. | Wm. Allin . . . . | 5 bush. wheat (sent aboard Green's flat). |
| | Wm. Digges, jun. . | 25 bush. wheat (not delivered). |
| | Geo. Wilson . . . | 10 shillings. |
| | James Burwell . . | 25 bush. (not delivered). |
| | Will. Hewitt . . . | 15 bush. wheat (not delivered). |
| T. N. | Hugh Nelson . . . | 25 bush. wheat (delivered). |
| | Seymour Powell . . | 10 bush. wheat (not delivered). |
| | John Moss, jun. . . | 10 shillings. |
| | Lawrence Smith . . | 10 shillings. |
| T. N. | Philip Dedman . . | 2½ bush. corn (received). |
| | William Eaton . . | 5 bush. wheat (not delivered). |
| | Philip Bullifant . . | 5 bush. corn (not delivered). |
| | Will. Ratcliff, jun. . | 5 bush. corn (not delivered). |
| Pd. | Fleming Bates . . | 25 shillings. |
| | James Lynce . . . | 20 shillings (pd.). |
| | Wm. Taylor . . . | 5 bush. corn (not delivered). |
| T. N. | Richard Sclater . . | 5 bush. wheat. |
| T. N. | John Toomer . . . | 3½ bush. wheat (sent aboard Green's flat). |
| T. N. | Henry Howard . . | 20 bush. wheat (sent aboard Green's flat). |
| T. N. | Robert Kirby . . . | 5 bush. wheat (sent aboard Green's flat). |
| | Robert Shield . . . | 5 bush. wheat. |
| T. N. | Merritt Moore . . | 5 barrels corn. |

* These are the initials of Thomas Nelson, jun., and show his agency in procuring and forwarding the subscriptions.

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| T. N. | Thos. Pisard . . . | 5 barrels corn. |
| | Harwood Burt . . . | 2 barrels corn. |
| | Allen Chapman . . | 2 barrels corn. |
| T. N. | Bennet Kirby . . . | 3 barrels corn (received Apr. 1, 1775). |
| T. N. | John Patrick . . . | 3 barrels corn (received). |
| T. N. | Edwd. Baptist . . . | 1 barrel corn (received Oct. 28). |
| T. N. | John Wagstaff . . . | 1 barrel corn (sent Feb. 9, 1775). |
| | James Goodwin . . | 2 barrels corn. |
| | William Moss . . . | 2 barrels corn. |
| T. N. | Aug. Moore . . . | 10 bush. wheat (put aboard Green's flat). |
| | Thos. Archer . . . | 20 bush. corn. |

Mr. ASPINWALL contributed a copy of a paper written by General Gage in reply to queries addressed to him by George Chalmers, author of the "Political Annals." The questions related to Braddock's expedition, the Stamp Act, and the Revolutionary transactions in Boston. The reading of this paper was listened to with great interest by the Society. It is copied from a folio volume of manuscripts, lettered "Papers relating to Canada," in Mr. Aspinwall's valuable collection, and is now printed in vol. iv., Fourth Series, of the Society's Collections, p. 367.

Mr. QUINCY related an anecdote brought to his recollection by the subject of Mr. Aspinwall's communication. He stated, that, when General Gage refused to allow the people of Boston to leave the town, his grandfather, who was acquainted with the governor, obtained a special permission for his family. They went out in a carriage; and he remembered distinctly, that, on arriving at the outside of the Boston lines, they were all forced to alight, and go into a small house, where there was a fire, into which a person was throwing brimstone. Before the fire, was a platform, over which they all

passed in turn, to be smoked, in order to prevent spreading the small-pox, which was then in Boston.

Mr. SAVAGE presented to the Society two "crow's feet," made of iron, and so arranged that one prong will always project upwards, — an instrument of defence formerly in use against the charge of cavalry. They were found on the banks of the Susquehannah River, where they had been scattered for the protection of a small fort against the Indians.

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## JANUARY MEETING. — 1858.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14, 1858, at noon, in the Dowse Library; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Society of Antiquaries, London; the Commissioner of Patents; James Lenox, Esq.; J. Francis Fisher, Esq.; Winthrop Sargent, Esq.; James M. Safford, Esq.; E. R. Straznicky, Esq.; Miss Ann L. Gay; L. A. Huguet-Latour, Esq.; and from Messrs. Appleton, Warren, and Winthrop, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Professor H. W. LONGFELLOW, communicating his acceptance as a Resident Member.

He also communicated a letter from Winthrop Sargent, Esq., accompanying a volume entitled "The Loyalist Poetry of the Revolution," presented to the So-